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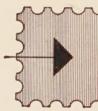
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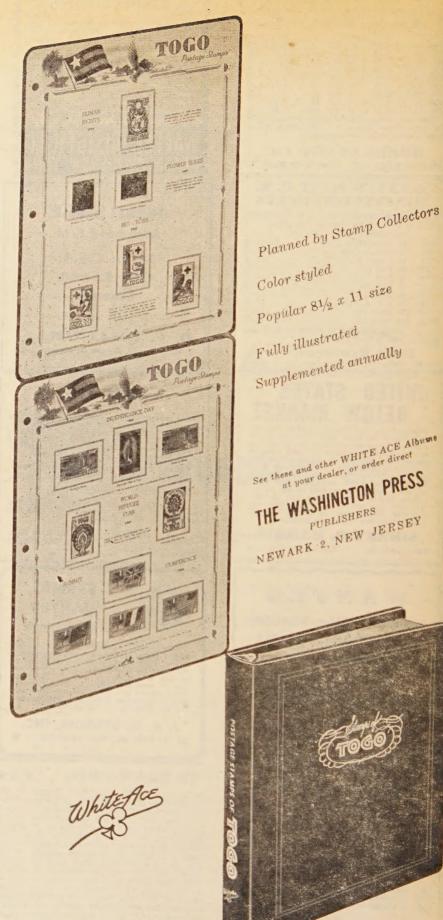
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Interpex 1961

HE Interpex 1961 exhibition at the New York Trade Show building in New York opened n March 17th with special cerenonies in which high postal adminiration personnel participated. Rovert K. Christenberry, Postmaster of New York presided, and from Washington came James F. Kellever. Special Assistant to the Postnaster General; Franklin R. Bruns. 1r., Director of the Division of Philately; and Stanley J. Hodziewich, Curator of the U.S. Post Office Museum. Also present were representatives of various societies who were participating in the threeday event.

The participating clubs were the Aero Philatelists, Inc.; the American Topical Association; the Bronx County Stamp Club; the France & Colonies Group; the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club; the Postal Slogan Cancel & Meter Society; and the Women's Philatelic Society of New York. Each of these groups had its own set of judges for the inter-member competition; and of course, the individual exhibits were all eligible for the overall judging in the show.

The Industrial Exhibitions, Inc., headed by Herbert Rosen, were the sponsors of the exhibition, and they furnished trophies for the two top winners in each section in addition to certificates. They also supplied two grand awards: one for the best exhibit in the show, and one for the best Government exhibit. The awards consisted of silver bowls and attractively designed plates.

The Grand Award for the collectors' exhibit went to Max Gold, of the Bronx County Stamp Club, for his very fine showing of zeppelins and airmails.

The Grand Award for Government exhibits went to the United States Post Office Department, which had a really outstanding showing well-deserving of this honor.

The Crown Agents of London had a nice display. It was the first time they had participated in an international exhibition anywhere. The display was prepared by their order in New York.

Special Interpex Awards went to Malcolm O'Reilly, for his collection of Ireland; Beatrice Berner, for "Paintings and Painters" on stamps; and Charles Fried, for "Jet Planes on Stamps." The American Bible

Institute award went to John Thomas for his "Bible on Stamps" display.

Lydia Callahan received the grand award for the best in topical exhibits with her showing of "Trees on Stamps". Louise Clemencon, who had an outstanding exhibit of Reunion, 1828 to date, was judged first in the Women's Philatelic Society of New York displays. Mrs. Rae Ehrenberg won the A.T.A. award in the topical section for her very interesting exhibit of "Women of the World of Stamps".

In the Aero Philatelists, Inc. dis-

plays, first place was won by Albert Philip Cohen, for his Allahabad 1911 flight covers; Louis N. Staub was second with his Portuguese Colonies air mail covers. In the American Topical Association section first place after the grand award went to Allyn H. Wright (Journalism); second to Miss Lucille Lane, who had a most artistically prepared exhibit of fairy tales on stamps, a truly charming display shown for the first time, and which drew a lot of attention of visitors; third, to Mrs. Evelyn Nelson (Classics of Carto-Philately); and fourth, Theodore Firstenberg (Philatelic Concert).





Picture at the left shows Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Director of the Division of Philately, Washington, D.C., speaking at the opening ceremonies of Interpex as the official representative of Postmaster General Day. On the rostrum, left to right are: John Boker, president of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions; Dr. Henry W. Walden, a famous pioneer airman who first flew the mails in 1911; H. L. Lindquist; D. Thomas Clements, Chief, U.N. Postal Administration; Robert K. Christenberry Postmaster of New York; Herbert Rosen, president of Industrial Exhibitions, Inc., and organizer of the Interpex exhibition; and John Byrnes, of the Department of Commerce and Public Events, representing the City of New York. In the picture at the right Herbert Rosen and Miss Denise Darcel, famous movie star, hand over to Postmaster Christenberry a mail bag containing the first hundred specially created cacheted interpex envelopes postmarked at the special Interpex station

Arthur Gottfried received the grand award in the Bronx County Stamp Club inter-membership competition, with his United States display. There were two firsts; Herman Seltzer, with Swiss airmails, and Anthony Scala, with Aden; two seconds; Isadore Willinger, U.S. Marine Corps covers, and Arthur Lewandowski, U.S. Postal Stationery; and five were judged of equal merit for third place: Harry Frymer (Roosevelt issues), Robert Goldberg (Bondi), Jack Hoffberg (Red Cross & Charity Stamps & Labels), Henry Nadata (Luxembourg), and Irving Welstein (Canada Plate Blocks).

In the France & Colonies Group the grand award went to Walter Parshall for his Monaco stampless covers, early issues, cancellations imperfs., etc. First prize was won by Eric Spiegel for French Classics cancellations, second to Gustave Wittenberg, Sower issues and booklet panes; third, William Connelly, French Congo, including varieties, proofs, etc. Honorable mention to Beatrice Berner, eamels on stamps of France & Colonies. The best dealer exhibit award went to

Paulette Neumann for proofs and imperfs of France. Judges in the France & Colonies Group displays were Edmond Queyroy, Sigmund Horowics, and Ira Zweifach, all specialists in this field.

The top award in the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club exhibits was won by Nicholas E. Ruiz, with a display titled "Cuban-American Friendship"; and in second place, Bill Ronson, "Nasa Space Program in the U.S.A."

In the Postal Slogan Cancel & Meter Society section William Moravek took top place in Class A, with his United Nations to 1951; and Charles Roeckell in Class B, with with stamps having a slogan tie-in.

We have already mentioned Louise Clemencon's Reunion exhibit, which received the award for the best Women's Philatelic Society display; and Lydia Callahan came in second with her exhibit of Russia. In the regular postage issues Mrs. Rae Ehrenberg's U.S. 19th century to 1866 took first prize; Miss Elena Wheeler came in second with Crete 20th century; and Miss Gretchen Kightslinger, third, with Ryukyu. Honorable mention to Mrs. Ethel

McCoy, showing King Edward V In the W.P.S. topical division, have already mentioned Mrs. Ehre berg's "Women of the World" whi took the A.T.A. award; in secon place, Mrs. Lee Mae Siemes, Ear Fancy Cancellations on U.S. stamp third, Mrs. Angela Minera, Ref gees of the World; and honoral mention, Mrs. Lorraine Carlso Naval Covers of the Arctic an Antarctic.

The overall judges for the e hibits were John Boker and H. Lindquist who acted as chairm and presented the awards at t banquet on Saturday night.

At the banquet James F. Kellehe Special Assistant to the Postmast General, was presented with t special grand award for the be Government exhibit on behalf Postmaster General Day and tl Post Office Department. Mr. Kell her was the main speaker of tl evening, and mentioned that it the intention of Postmaster Ge eral Day to utilize that great re ervoir of talent in all fields which are represented by the career ser ice. "This approach," he adde "the Postmaster General will tal toward management, mechanizatio personnel, and most explicitly tward philately." They will confir themselves to fifteen commemor tives a year, and will endeavor have it "represent the best in d sign and production." They wi soon name a Citizens Stamp Advi ory Committee, and will rely heavil upon the judgment of the Commi tee in the final selections of "a stamps in our annual program. The Post Office Department, h stated, "will be represented on th Committee by Mr. Franklin 1 Bruns, Jr., who will function full as our Director of Philately-wi serve as our liaison between my or fice and the Chairman of the Cit zens Stamp Committee elected b its membership." He stated tha "To carry out the recommendation of the Committee we will name we feel strongly that the full creative talents of the Bureau of Er graving and Printing should b utilized to a greater extent than he been possible in recent years."
Mr. Kelleher advised that th

Mr. Kelleher advised that the full capabilities of the Giori Presequipment will be explored, and stamps will be "designed to take advantage of the multicolor, color blends, and colored paper combinations available to us." He is convinced, he said, after investigating the potential of the Giori Press for many weeks, as well as consulting with those with many years' ex



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Mr. Kelleher made it clear that although the Post Office Department appreciates the cultural and artistic values of stamp collecting, and the fact that the commemorative stamp program is a profit-making aspect of the Post Office Department, "philately must of necessity be a subordinate function in our Department-subordinate to our responsibilities of moving 65 billion pieces of mail annually. In assessing the Department's planning, its programs, the Postmaster General and his staff are putting emphasis on improved management, efficiency, economy, and a realistic appraisal of each phase of our operation. Philately has gotten its share of reevaluation." He stated that the philatelic program produces a profit to the Department of approximately \$3 million per year. "I cite this figure not to disparage higher estimates sometimes called up, but to emphasize the need for a realistic appraisal of the relative functions of the Post Office considered from the standpoint of efficient manage-

Mr. Kelleher announced that all future printings of U.S. stamps will be in units of 50 to 100. Champions of Liberty, if continued, will be issued only in the four-cent denominations. He mentioned too that they will insist upon a five-day in advance provision for first day covers.

Near the close of his speech Mr.

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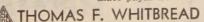
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Our thanks to Sulo Vaalola, of Finland, for a cover with special skiing cancellation, at Lahti, Finland, March 4, 1961. From Joachim Dill, Germany, we have an attractive cancellation from the Vienna United Nations State Conference, dated March 13, 1961. John R. Taylor, Jr., Chincoteague, Va., sends a cover from Wallops Island, March 18, with rubber-stamp cachet for the rocket fired on that date. Cachet reads "Little Joe VI Space Capsule Test, March 18, 1961 11 48 AM." Charles H. Sweet. ing, of Utica, submits a Utica Stamp Club cachet for the "CENYPEX '61", with exhibition cancellation dated March 18, 1961. From Carl C. Blood, Independence, Kans., we have a first flight cover on AM-81, Independence-Coffeyville-Parsons, dated March 13, 1961.

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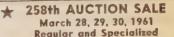
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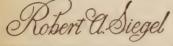
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In addition to the brighter color, the new paper will also bear a distinctively new watermark design. This features large single-line letters "U S A" with a star either preceding or following the lettering. A star preceding the lettersat the left-identifies paper manufactured by the International Paper Company, while a star following the letters-to the right-denotes paper manufactured by the Howard Paper Company.

These firms are the paper manufacturers for the International Envelope Corporation, of Dayton, Ohio, the private concern that holds the current four-year stamped envelope contract.

PLATES CANCELLED DURING FEBRUARY

Plates cancelled during February included the 1/2-cent denomination (plate Nos 26708 and 26709, with but 49,078 impressions). Other plates canceled included Nos. 26299-26302 for the NATO commemorative 4-cent stamp; 26438-26441 for the 4-cent Dental Health commemorative stamp, and 26498-26501 for the 4-cent Dr. Ephraim McDowell "Famous American" stamp of 1959. Other plates canceled during February involved lower denominations of the regular postage series and the 7-cent airmail.

4c RANGE CONSERVATION F. D. FIGURES When the 4c Range Conservation stamp was placed on first day sale on February 2, 1961, at Salt Lake City, Utah, there were 357,101 covers cancelled and 558,520 stamps sold.

FORT SUMTER COMMEMORATIVE PLATE NUMBERS

Plates 26913, 26914, 26915 and 26916 were assigned for the printing of the 4cent Fort Sumter "Civil War Centennial" commemorative stamp, which will be released April 12, 1961, at Charleston, South Carolina. This stamp will be printed in a light shade of green, according to Postmaster General J. Edward Day.

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Van Dieman's Land Cover and a Ship's Story

By GEORGE E. HARGEST

HE ACT of Congress of July 1, 1864. Section 8, established a ten-cent rate on letters addressed to or received from foreign countries and carried by vessels regularly employed in transportation of the mails. This amount was to be prepaid on letters sent and collected on letters received. Designed as a "blanket" rate for mail to those areas of the world not covered by postal convention, it servfeed mail to such remote places as Van Diemen's Land as well as to France during the inter-treaty period, 1870-1874.

The illustrated cover shows use of this rate to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) in 1871. Originating in Monument, Massachusetts on August 8, 1871, the letter went to San Francisco, where it was placed aboard the sailing bark, Three Brothers, Captain Witherell commanding. The letter arrived at Hobart-Town on September 25, 1871, where it received the diamondshaped "Ship-Letter/Inwards Free" handstamp in red as well as the Hobart-Town town marking in black. The entire trip took fortyeight days to go half-way around the world, not quite as fast as the average time of Phileas Fogg, who, in the following year, is alleged to have gone around the world in eighty days!

The bark Three Brothers has a fantastic history. In 1857, the Postmaster General signed a mail contract with Commodore Vanderbilt



(Photo by Norman Mack, Worcester, Mass.)

Front of cover discussed in accompanying article is shown at top, and below a portion of the back showing markings.

for thirteen round-trip voyages between New York and Bremen. The Vanderbilt Line had been operating on the New York-Havre run since 1855. To facilitate this transatlantic service, the Commodore had built one of the largest and most luxurious steamers of its day. On May 5, 1857, this ship, the Vanderbilt, made her maiden voyage from New York, via Southampton, to Havre and on her third eastbound voyage established a record for the Southampton route by steaming from New York to the Needles (Isle of Wight) in nine days, eight hours. For about three years she was one of the most popular steamers on the transatlantic ferry.

Shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War, the Commodore presented the Vanderbilt to the Union Navy. Her bow was filled in to form a solid ram and she was sent in quest of the Alabama, which she never found. Her history immediately after the Civil War is somewhat obscure. It is known, however, that her ram was removed, her engines taken out, and that she was converted into a sailing ship. Sometime during 1870, she turned up on the West Coast, where she was evidently chartered to three broth-



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ers in San Francisco who placed her in the Australian service. Although she was not officially sold until 1873, her charterers had her renamed Three Brothers as early as 1871, and as such she carried the illustrated cover to Van Diemen's Land in that year. Her last assignment began in 1885, when she became a coal hulk at Gibraltar. She was finally scrapped in 1929. Thus, the luxury liner Vanderbilt, the largest wooden paddle wheeler of her day, became the Union ram Vanderbilt, the bark Three Brothers, and the Gibraltar coal hulk. As the Vanderbilt, she carried mail between Havre and New York, probably at the "ship" rate. As the bark "Three Brothers" she carried mail to the Far East.

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service in the ship's history.

The illustrated cover is one of the few mementoes of this final mail

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A Civil War Era Cover

By HUBERT C. SKINNER

N February 8, 1861, a prosperous New York tea merchant penned a routine letter to the Shanghai firm, Augustine Heard & Co., advising them of current business conditions, and containing a prophetic note concerning the "political complications" which only nine weeks later led to the firing of the first gun at Fort Sumter, S. C., and the tragic conflict, the Civil War.

The double letter-sheet was folded in the customary manner, sealed with wax, and franked with one five-cent and four ten-cent stamps of the 1857-60 issue to make up the forty-five cent rate to China. It arrived in Hong Kong on April 14, and was received by the *Heard* firm on April 18 (after the incident at Fort Sumter).

In retrospect, the merchant's appraisal of the political situation might be termed a "masterpiece of understatement." It reads as follows:

"Aside of existing political complications our country was never in a more prosperous condition, present and prospective, but the serious aspect which these matters have assumed, is exercising a very baneful influence on the commerce and business of the Country, and it is with much regret, that we feel obliged



Folded letter of February 8, 1861, discussed in the accompanying article.

to say, that the prospect of an early adjustment of pending difficulties is by no means encouraging."

One hundred years later we can look back with great interest to the effect of the "political complications" on philately. The whole fascinating field of Confederate stamps and provisionals, patriotic covers, encased postage stamps, and even the 1861 issue (issued to replace the invalidated 1857-60 stamps) owe their existence and philatelic appeal

to the "pending difficulties" leading to the Civil War.

This cover is from the famous Augustine Heard correspondence, which first came to the notice of philatelists in 1931, when two young boys (whose father had been in business in China) brought them to the office of a San Francisco dealer. The covers were sold in Los Angeles, on February 17, 1932, in fifty-six auction lots. These covers are now the property of various collectors. Twelve were sold in the Caspary sale, and later, two of these were resold with thirteen others in the Krug sale. A more complete account of the Heard correspondence can be found in the Ashbrook Special Service (pp. 606-609). The writer is collecting data on the Heard covers and would appreciate hearing from owners of such material. (Address is 8628 Pear St., New Orleans 18, Louisiana.)

Postal rates of the period are well illustrated by the *Heard* correspondence. The history of the cover shown with this article, as revealed by the postal markings, is as follows:

The folded letter sheet bears two pairs of the ten-cent type V and one five cent type II (brown) of the 1857-60 issue, making up the 45-cent rate from New York to Shanghai, Via Marseilles. The mes-

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York American Packet backstamp.

sage was written on February 8. 1861. The letter was carried by American packet to London, receiving the "New York American Packet" backstamp in red (see illustration) on February 9th. The ten-cent stamps are tied to the cover by the black circular grid of New York struck six times. The inland rate was five cents, the sea rate sixteen cents, a total of twenty-one cents, representing the charge for a single weight letter (less than 1/2 oz.) from New York to London, The five-cent stamp is cancelled by a magenta manuscript marking applied in New York at the same time as the magenta script "24", indicating the credit to England. The letter arrived in London on February 21 as shown by orange-red receiving mark on the front. The fee to England was twelve cents for

a single rate (less than 1/2 oz.) and the fee to France was twelve cents for a double rate (more than 1/4 oz., less than 1/2 oz.) The letter was forwarded "Via Marseilles" as shown by the manuscript marking at the upper left of the cover and was



Hong Kong arrival marking.

received and backstamped in Hong Kong on April 14, 1861 (see cut). It was delivered to the Heard firm in Shanghai on the 18th-halfway around the world in 69 days! The text of the letter is as follows:

Via Marseilles

New York Febry. 8, 1861 Messrs Augustine Heard & Co.

Shanghai

Gentlemen

Since we wrote you on the 25 ult as per copy enclosed, we have received your esteemed favor of 19 Novbr, for the valuable advices in which we are obliged.

During the interval since the date of

our last, there has been a rather better demand for Green Teas, and a moderate business has been doing at a slightly improved tendency in prices. The sales of the fortnight comprise about 7,000 Hf chests of old crop, chiefly by private contract. The new Teas per Phantom recently arrived, have not yet been of-

Blacks, on the other hand continue dull and depressed, the trade evincing no disposition to buy beyond their immediate necessities and in view of the probably larger imports this season, are looking for a further material reduction in prices. Two catalogues have been presented at Auction, but the prices offered being unsatisfactory to the owners, little progress was made and the bulk of the offerings was withdrawn. The sales of all descriptions of Black, public & private, sum up about 10,000 Hf chests. Aside of existing political complications . . . the prospect of an early adjustment of pending difficulties is by no means encouraging.

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DATE OF ISSUE: APRIL 8th, 1961

TOGO'S recent Commemorative stamps—6 values—honoring the 15th Anniversary of the United Nations will be withdrawn from sale within a short time.

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News, Views and Comments

(Continued from page 8)

port. The first day sale of the three golden jubilee commemorative stamps was to be inaugurated as part of the celebrations. Two luxury buses and a fleet of cars carried the Committee and invited guests to the Airport.

A party was coming by Viscount plane from Delhi, and six Piper Cubs belonging to the Hind Provincial Flying Club took off to salute their arrival. These dignataries were greeted on landing by Justice V. D. Bhargava, and they were then driven to the Allahabad Post Office.

Dr. P. Subbaroyan, in his opening address, recalled that the world's first airmail service began in Allahabad in 1911, mentioning that the enterprising French aviator, M. Pequet, carried over 5,000 postal pieces in a biplane a short distance from the Allahabad Fort Grounds to Naini, across the river Yamuna. He made reference to the services of the late Shri Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, former Minister of Transport and Communications, who inaugurated the all airmail service and the night airmail in India.

Lal Bhadhur Shastri, who had accompanied Dr. Subbaroyan on the trip from Delhi, also spoke briefly concerning the commemoration, and Dr. Subbaroyan then formally opened the Philatelic Bureau set up for the sale of the stamps by selling the first stamps to Justice Bhargava, who is president of the Allahabad Philatelic Club and the Hind Provincial Flying Club. Mr. Bhargava had earlier welcomed the guests in a brief speech. Among other speakers were Shri V. Nanjappa, Director General of PTT; and Postmasters General from Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Nagpur, and Lucknow.

At the end of the ceremonies a large crowd of people rushed to purchase the new stamps at the post office, while the Ministers and other PTT personnel were kept busy autographing first day covers and folders. A small booklet giving the historical background of the First Aerial Post and details of the air services to the present day was distributed to the guests.

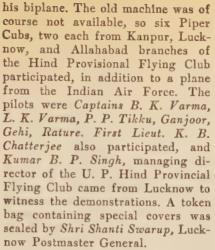
The re-enactment of the flight took place after lunch in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering at the Fort Grounds, the actual place where the U. P. Industrial Exhibition was held in 1911 and where Mr. Pequet took off in

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After a brief speech at the Fort Grounds by Dr. Subbaroyan on the subject of pioneer airmails, the planes were signalled to take off with over 82,000 covers bearing the new stamps and special cachet of the re-enacted flight. Unfortunately, one of the Piper Cub planes crashlanded on the Fort Grounds, injuring Capt. L. K. Varma. The other planes took off for Delhi.

The Allahabad Philatelic Club was inaugurated in 1957 for the advancement of philately and the fostering of friendship among philatelists everywhere. The annual dues are Rs. 10/, plus an initiation fee of Re. 1/. Further details of the Club can be had from the Hon. Secretary, G. I. Bhargava, Allahabad Philatelic Club, c/o Kohinoor Chemists, 25 Canning Road, Allahabad 1, India.

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Other plate assigned and sent to press during February involved various denominations of the regular postage stamp series.

SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS AND SPECIAL POSTMARKS

Boston (9), Mass. will use special cancellation April 15-May 15, 1961, reading "Launching of USS Bainbridge/1st Nuclear Frigate."

Yankton, South Dakota, will have special slogan die hub in use from time of receipt through June 25, reading "Yankton Celebrating 100 Years June 18-June 25".

La Crosse, Virginia, will have hub reading "La Crosse Virginia 60th Anniversary 1901-1961", from time of receipt through June 25, 1961.

Providence, Rhode Island, will use die hub from date of receipt through July 1, 1961 reading "Greater Providence 325th Anniversary June 21-July 1."

Winchester, Virginia, will use "Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival April 27-28-29, 1961", April 1-April 29, 1961.

Hevia Catalog of Spain

1961 Hevia Catalogo de Sellos de Espana. 1961, 172 pages, Filatelica Hevia, Mayor 13, Madrid, 18 pesetas plus postage.

THIS IS the fourteenth edition of what has become a standard work, covering Spanish, Spanish Colonial, Ex-ditto and Spanish African Provinces issues, in admirable fashion. Of particular interest to many will be the listings of remainder (barred) issues and telegraphically used material (punched), and the special telegraph sets for both metropole and overseas dependencies. There are, of course, many non-Scott issues listed, and references to this pleasing volume will settle many a baffling problem for the average American collector. While prices have risen appreciably since last year, they are still low by American standards, and lucky indeed the collector in a position to buy them.

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The special Paderewski exhibit, also in the Court of Honor, presented a most unusual collection of covers, postcards, maximum cards, and old mementoes, such as programs, music sheets, etc., all beautifully cancelled with the first day of the Paderewski Champion of Liberty 4c and 8c stamps issued in 1960 by the U.S. Post Office Department. These had been secured by Polonus members during the visit to Washington for the first day sale of the Paderewski stamps last October. Coordinated with the Polonus exhibits were those of the Post Office Department; the "birth of a stamp" panels which they supplied were those of the Paderewski Champion of Liberty stamps.

In the competitive section the exhibits were of such uniformly high calibre as to pose a problem for the judges, but after carefully weighing the relative merits, they came up with the following win-

The Grand Award to Myron E. Steczynski, of Chicago, for plate varieties of Poland No. 1.

The Research Award, donated by Dr. Uznanski, went to Chester J. Mickucki for his "Portos" of Poland, a study of the local postage due stamps used in Southern Poland, and including actual usage plus varieties.

First Award to Lester Jankowski, Chicago, for Austrian Newspaper Tax stamps. Second Award to Zdzislaw Wagrowski, Chicago, for Polish first flights. Third Award to Dr. Matthew E. Uznanski, M.D., Chicago, a specialized collection of Marienwerder. The Polish Folk Costumes displayed by Mrs. P. Hale, of Brighton, Illinois, brought her the Novice Award. The Philatelic Literature Award was won by Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan, of Kowary, Poland.

Souvenirs of the event include a beautiful catalog listing the exhibits and carrying articles by Roman H. Strzelecki and Joseph A. Borkowski, and with a reproduction of a famous painting of Paderewski by Tade Styka. Also a pair of souvenir sheets in color of the design which was reproduced in reduced size on page 300 of our February 25th issue; first day covers with this design as the cachet, and which design also appears on the front cover of the catalog; and a folder

which gives background information on the design.

Information on the Polonus Philatelic Society for those interested in membership is available from the publicity chairman, Roman H. Strzelecki, 1439 N. Bell Avenue, Chicago 22, Illinois.

Aero Philatelists Annals for July 1954 Wanted

THE Aero Philatelists, Inc., 22 East 35th Street, New York 16, New York, publishers of Aero Philatelists Annals, are seeking copies of their publication of July 1954, Volume II, Number 1.

It was this issue that featured an article on the 25 Centavo Provisional Honduras "Black" air mail stamp. This stamp was recently sold at auction for \$24,500. It was this article, The Rarest Air Stamp. Black Honduras, by Irving 1. Green, that helped establish the pedigree and reputation of this stamp, which is now recognized as among the world's rarities.

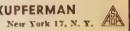
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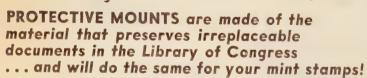
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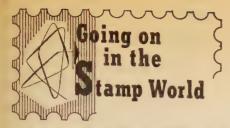
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Apr. 3-British Empire Study Group meets at Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City, at 8 P.M. After discussion of latest literature on British Empire philately, Howard Lee will show his collection of Brunei. Guests welcome.

Apr. 4—Tucson Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 P.M. in Room 8 of Geology Building. University of Arizona. Sam Dougan will conduct "Philatelic Bingo." Prizes. Part 1 of AUCTION will be held April 18th and Part II on May 2nd. Visitors always welcome.

Apr. 4 Scandinavian Collectors Club Chapter #8 of Southern New Jersev will meet at 8 P.M. at 405 North Eighth St., Vineland, N. J. Clifford Bieber will be guest speaker. Auction will follow. Scandinanvian collectors invited.

Apr. 6—Stark County Stamp Club meeting at 8 P.M. at North Canton Community Bldg., North Canton. Ohio. Talk on Europa issues by Howard Marek. Club planning first exhibition for latter part of April. For further information contact Mrs. James J. Halter, 2527 W. Tuscarawas, Canton 8, Ohio.

Apr. 6—An illustrated lecture on State Hunting Permit Stamps will be presented by Alvin C. Broholm at the Chicago Philatelic Society meeting at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, starting at 7:30 P.M. Visitors are invited. The C.P.S. this year marks its diamond jubilee. For information on the Society write Richard W. Canman, 399 W. Fullerton Parkway, Chicago 14, Illinois.

Apr. 10-Annual Meeting of West Essex Philatelic Society at Y.M.C.A., 25 Park St., Montclair, N. J. Election of officers. On April 24th Dr. Alexander Kohanski will show his collection of "Art and Design on Israel Stamps." Guests always welcome. Society will exhibit three frame at April BEPEX show at Bergen Mall, Paramus, N. J.

Apr. 10-Dutchess Philatelic Society to view Film on United Nations Stamps at 8 P.M. at Y.M.C.A., 58 Market St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Society to participate in Stamptrotters Society of Kingston 1961 Exhibit KINGSPEX at Governor Clinton Hotel in Kingston, N. Y., May 13-14.

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Apr. 18-Lakewood Stamp Club meeting at Lakewood High School, Bunts Road and Franklin, Lakewood, Ohio. 15-minute auction followed by talk by Robert W. Yant, President of Society of Philatelic Americans.

Apr. 19—Midway Stamp Club will hold auction sale at 5718 Archer Ave., Chicago 38, Ill. Over 100 lots on view at 7 P.M.; sale starts at 8 P.M. All area collectors invited.

Apr. 19-Lake Erie Chapter No. 2 of Masonic Stamp Club of New York will meet at 8 P.M. at Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Alan E. Coatoam will talk on "Topical Collecting." For information on membership contact R. H. Runt, 9619 Rosewood Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio.

Apr. 22-Waterbury Stamp Club will hold 40th anniversary dinner at Roger Smith Hotel, Waterbury, Conn. Guest speaker will be George King, Supervisor of First Day Sales, Philatelic Division U.S. Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.

Apr. 26-Washington Philatelic Society meeting at Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I St., NW, Washington, D. C. Illustrated presentation by Ronald S. Senseman on "Stampless Covers of Napoleonic Era."

Apr. 26-Phoenix Philatelic Associa. tion meeting at 7:30 P.M. at Goetle Auditorium, 20th St. and Indian School Rd., Phoenix, Arizona. Usual exchange and bourse tables.

Griffin Airport Dedication Indefinitely Postponed

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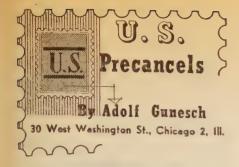
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RICHARD J. W. PATTERSON of Newton Falls writes he would like to know more about the Early Chicago Dateds because he is trying to make a specialized of the Early Classics, which is a tremendous undertaking at this late date. We purchased the Fred Raff collection and accumulation of Precancels way back in 1928, and he had a highly specialized collection of over 500 varieties of these Chicago Dated. It took him a lifetime to get that many together.

It would be extremely hard to find a more attractive display among the stamps of any country. The engraving of the 1894-1898 issues was exceptionally highclass workmanship, with bright colors that blend very harmoniously. The overprint of this issue, being of type-set variety, was productive of many errors, all of which, in all probability, have not even come to light as yet. It lends to the fascination of collecting them.

The most pronounced of the errors is probably the reversal of 12-1 (Dec., 1901) to read 21-1, though this undoubtedly was discovered and rectified before many had been printed. We have seen copies of this error on the 2, 8, and 10cent denominations, but we have never found it on the 1-cent, although at one time we had several hundred copies of the 1-cent value. Fact is, at one time we owned a beautiful vertical pair of the 10-cent, the top stamp reading 12-1 and the bottom 21-1.

Other errors we can think of right now are "1" with serifs; "0" sideways; the four different sizes of "2". Doubles, one Type 1 and Type 3.

While it is still possible to pick up the double overprints, the inverts are extremely rare on all Early Chicago Dated, and in our estimation, they warrant a much higher evaluation than the last Official Precancel Stamp Catalog gives them. This catalog was published in 1940 as Part 1, by Hoover Brothers; it is now out of print and unobtainable. What we stated above about prices on these inverts applies more or less to all classics and many of the early issues, considering that Precancel collecting has made great strides during the last twenty-one years since the aforementioned catalog was published. One just has to compare certain issues or certain denominations with a current Scott catalog of U. S. stamps to see how way out of line these prices of Precancels are.

The Chicago Dated were used from March 1901 until April 1902. We think



it very doubtful that all denominations were printed in all the intervening months. For instance, if there had been a large quantity of 5-cents struck off in March, with a big remainder at the end of the month, there might be no occasion to print any during April.

The catalog lists three stamps on the 1898 series (1c, 4c, and 8c) without the date. These are like Type 1 except that city and state name are 31/2 mm apart. This is the dated type with the dates missing.

The plate from which these Chicago Dated were printed was of one hundred subjects, ninety of which have lines spaced 11 mm apart. The ten subjects composing the bottom row show the lines 101/4 to 101/2 mm spaced. These are known as "narrows" and are listed in the Official Precancel Stamp Catalog of 1940 as sub-variety "n"

Furthermore the catalog lists the 50 cent stamp of the series with ten different dates, but we doubt it very much that you can obtain a copy of this denomination at this late date at any price, unless a collection of an old-timer is being broken up, which seldom happens. When the collection of the late Guy Mil. ler of Martinsville, Illinois, came on the market, the Chicago Dated section sold intact in the neighborhood of around \$3,500. Of course he had everything including most of the errors.

If you want to build up a representative collection of Chicago Dateds, try to get all of the dates on all denominations, but be satisfied with straight varieties. Such a collection should also contain a set of Type 1, which is the same style of overprint without the date, which really was the forerunner of the Chicago

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ARGENTINA-On March 25, 1961, a 2 pesos blue stamp was issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Dr. Mariano Moreno, as forecast here on March 11, 1961. Hector A. Viola executed the design which was based on a portrait of Dr. Moreno by Juan de Dios Rivera. The stamps were printed by photogravure at the State Mint in sheets of 100, edition three mil-

-Secretary of Communications

BELGIAN COLONIES - RUANDA -URUNDI-The Belgian Ministry of African Affairs advises that the 20F and 50F Animal definitives, which were reported in our issue of March 25, 1961, were printed in four-color helio. set, which will complete the series, "Protected Animals in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi territories" of 1959. was scheduled for release on March 10, 1961.

BELGIUM-On March 18, 1961, at Anvers, and on March 20, 1961, at all other post offices, a 3F portrait stamp was scheduled for release to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the birth of Nicolaus Rockox, Mayor of Anvers. The design is from the original portrait of Rockox by Van Dijck, adapted by

Dolphin. The engraving, a combination of taille-douce and heliogravure, is by De Bast; the part in heliogravure was done by the firm of Malvaux. The stamps were printed at the Stamp Printing Works at Malines, perf. 111/2.

-Administration of Posts

BRAZIL-On March 13, 1961, a Cr. \$2.50 blue stamp was issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Sacre Coeur de Marie College in Brazil. The stamp (forecast here February 18, 1961) was designed by Bernardino Lancetta and engraved by Gildasio de Souza Ferreira. It was printed by rotogravure on paper watermaked CASA-DA-MO-EDA-DO-BRASIL, in sheets of 25, edition five million. Our thanks for information and first day covers to Gen. Arnaldo Franca and Jose Almir Mendes, of Rio de Janeiro.

CHINA (FORMOSA)—On March 20, 1961, a NT\$3.00 stamp to publicize the Mail Order Service was released, as forecast in our issue of March 18, 1961. We are indebted to the Drectorate General of Posts for additional information and copies of this deep green stamp. It was printed on 80 lb. woodfree printing paper without gum, in sheets of 5x10, perf. 111/2.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA-Our thanks to Artia for first day covers dated March 6, 1961, with the six-value (20h, 30h, 40h, 60h, 1.60 Kcs, 2 Kcs) set showing various forms of Cosmic Space Research which was reported in our issue of March 11, 1961.

FINLAND-On May 4, 1961, a 125 mk stamp of Turku Castle will be issued in the current series. It is meant primarily for parcel post charges. The stamp was designed by Olavi Vepsalainen and engraved by R. Achren. Turku Castle was built in the late thirteenth century; restoration has been going on over the past decades. The re-inauguration will take place on May 4, 1961.

-General Direction of Posts and Telegraphs

FRANCE-on March 18, 1961, at certain designated cities, and on March 20, 1961, at all post offices, a 0.20NF + 0.50NF Stamp Day commemorative was scheduled to be released picturing a Paris Local Post Mailman of the peroid 1760. The stamp was designed and engraved by Raoul Serres, printed in sheets of 50, perf. 13. The surtax on this dark green, red and tan stamp is intended for the French Red Cross.

On March 11, 1961, at Paris, and March 13, 1961, at all post offices, a 0.50NF stamp was released to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of George Melies, pioneer of cinematography. This violet, blue-black and tan stamp shows a portrait of George Melies and a scene from what is apparently one of his films. It was designed and engraved by Rene Cottet, printed in sheets of 50, perf. 13.

(The aforementioned stamps were forecast in our issue of March 11, 1961).

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GERMANY (EAST-On March 14, 1960, two values of a "Landscapes and Historic Buildings" series were issued in the following denominations, subjects and colors: 20pf. Lilienstein, reddish-brown; and 25pf. view of the Brocken, Harz Mountains. They were designed by E. Gruner and engraved by O. Volkamer, Leipzig. They were printed by typography by VEB Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei on crossflowers watermarked paper.

-Fitz Barz

GHANA — Ghana's Africa Freedom Day issue (reported March 4, 1961) will be released April 15, 1961, in denominations of 3d 6d and 2/-. The designs were chosen from a number submitted by an international panel of designers.

The £1 Antelope stamp (reported March 4, 1961) is scheduled for release around April 10, 1961. It was printed in sheets of 30.

The ½d and 3d values of the 1959 definitives which have been changed in design (reported October 1, 1960) are scheduled for release during April 1961. -Ghana Philatelic Agency, New York

GREECE-Lester S. Glass, Los Angeles dealer, reports having a complete sheet of the 2.50d stamp, recently issued for the Yacht Race victory in the Olympic Games, Scott #690, with inverted watermark.

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HAITI-On April 4, 1961, an eightvalue Tourist Publicity Series will be issued showing a map and scenes from the history of the Isle of Tortuga. It was printed by Thomas De La Rue Ltd., London, in sheets of 50, perf., in the following denominations and colors: Regular postage G 0.05, light and dark blue and gold; G .10, lilac and light and dark yellow; G .15, olive green and red orange; G .20 claret brown and yellow orange; G .50 blue and light and dark ochre; Airmail— G 0.20, indigo blue and yellow brown; G .50 lilac purple and brown orange; and G 1.00, greenish blue and yellow.

-Haitian Philatelic Agency

IRELAND-A special Irish stamp will be issued in June 1961 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Aer Lingus (Irish International Airlines). It will be in two denominations, 6d. and 1s.3d., and will be printed by recess.

Later in the year, probably in September, a special stamp will be issued to commemorate the 15th centenary of the death of St. Patrick. The stamp will be in three denominations, 3d., 8d., and 1s.3d. and will be printed by recess.

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ISRAEL—The special stamp to commemorate Ten Years of Israel Bonds will appear in mid-summer, 1961. The stamp was designed by G. & M. Shamir.

The Festival set will be a continuation of the Kings series and will show three heroic historical and Biblical figures, Bar-Kochba, Samson, and Yehuda Maccabi. These stamps were also deigned by A. Calderon, who designed last year's Festival set.

-The Holy Land Philatelist

JAPAN—On March 15, 1961, a 10 yen multicolored stamp was issued for Minami-Boso Quasi-National Park. The stamp, which was reported here on February 25, 1961, was printed by photogravure on white unwatermarked paper at the Printing Bureau, Ministry of Finance, in sheets of 20, comb-perf. 13½, edition eight million. Our thanks to the following for information and first day covers with this issue: Kenji Nakatani, Kobe, H. Tsuge and T. Tatibana, Osaka, Fumiko Takamura, Tsuyoshi Toyooka, S. Miyake, Riichi Yoshida, Kenzi Miwa, Tokyo.

JORDAN—The 15f. and 35f. commemoratives to mark the visit last year of the King of Morocco are due for issue some time in May 1961. Two other sets are also due for issue around that time: 15f. and 35f. for the opening of the new Automatic Telephone Exchange last No-

vember and 15f. and 35f. for the opening of the Petroleum Refinery at Zarka. The Telephone Exchange pair will show the building and the Refinery pair will show an aerial view of the Refinery. They are being printed by Enschede.

A 15f. for the Population Census has been approved and is expected to show a map of Jordan with inset portrait of the King.

Two other issues under consideration are for the Anti-Famine Campaign and the Anti-Malaria Campagin.

-Stamp Collecting, London

KANTANGA—The "Art" series (forecast here March 11, 1961) has been released in fourteen values. The series deals with art and religion.

-Vextimkat, Belgium

MALAYA NEGRI SEMBILAN—The Government of the Federation of Malaya have now advised that the release date for the Installation of His Highness the YANG DI-PERTUAN BESAR of Negri Sembilan Commemorative Issue (reported February 25, 1961) has been amended to April 17, 1961.

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PAKISTAN—The following new issues have been announced for release on March 23, 1961: 5 paisa, ordinary and service in Khyber Pass design, cobalt blue; 7 paisa, ordinary only, same design, emerald green; 10 Rupees, Orange Tree, Scott' Type A26 of 1957 issued with service overprint and 5 pasa, postcard, single and reply, impressed stamp depicts a banana tree.

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SIERRA LEONE-The new issue of postage stamps for Sierra Leone (forecast here January 14, 1961) will be released to coincide with the attainment of Independence on April 27, 1961. The stamps will be recess-printed in two colors by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. on paper with the overall watermark "SL" and St. Edward's Crown in sheets of 60. Each design, except that of the £1, will appear on two separate denominations as follows: 1/2 d. Palm Fruit Gathering (bluegreen and dark brown). 1d. Licensed Diamond Miner (dark green and brown), 11/2d. Bundu Mask (green and black), 2d. Bishop Crowther and Old Fourah Bay College (blue and black) 3d. Sir Milton Margai (orange-brown and blue), 4d. Lumley Beach, Freetown (scarlet and blue), 6d. Sir Milton Margai (purple and gray), 1/- Palm Fruit Gathering (orange and dark brown), 1/3 Lumley Beach, Freetown (purple and blue), 2/6 Licensed Diamond Miner (dark gray and green), 5/- Bundu Mask (red and

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-Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin

SOMALIA—Somalia will release eight regular postal values and seven airmail values in the near future replacing current definitives. The airmails will feature Butterflies. Somalia includes former British Somaliland.

-Somalia Philatelic Agency, N. Y.

TOGO-On April 8, 1961, the fourvalue Crowned Cranes set will be released as reported in our issue of March 4, 1961. The values are 1F, 10F, 25F and 30F; printed in multicolor lithography by Thomas de la Rue & Co. Ltd., in sheets of 50. For the first time "Republique du Togo" has been substituted on stamps with the new official title "Republique Togolaise."

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO - The Scout Jamboree commemorative issue (reported here February 18, 1961) will be issues April 4, 1961, in values of 8 cents and 25 cents. They are being printed in sheets of 50. The stamps will remain on sale for a period of three months.

-Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin

TRISTAN DA CUNHA-The release date for the new Tristan Da Cunha Decimal Currency issue (reported here February 4, 1961) has been amended to April 15, 1961.

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TUNISIA-On March 20, 1961, a four-value set of stamps portraying "Allegories" will be issued in conjunction with Tunisia's 5th Anniversary of Independence. The Independence Day stamps are of two designs. The first, from a sketch by Tunisian artist M. Elmekki, portrays a soaring dove of peace and the figure of a woman symbolizing liberated Tunisia. This stamp was engraved by M. Durens, and has values of 20m., 30m. and 40 millimes. "The Free World," the second design of the series, has a value of 75m., and was designed by M. Tijani Ellouze of Tunisia. It was

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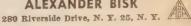
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-World Wide Philatelic Agency, Inc.,

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Chief of the Philatelic Service
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VENEZUELA—On March 11, 1961, six bi-colored stamps were issued to commemorate the centenery of the death of Rafael Maria Baralt, statesman. The stamps show a portrait of Rafael Maria Baralt in the following values: Regular postage — 0.05 centimos, 0.15 c., and 0.35 c.; Airmail — 0.25 c., 0.30 c., and 0.40 c. Our thanks to R. Oriol and Dr. M. Dao of Caracas, for first day covers with this issue.

The catalog numbers and prices used in the advertisements in this issue are all from Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalog unless specifically stated otherwise in the ads.

Gist of the News

The Stamps on Stamps Unit of the American Topical Association is open to membership. Additional information on the Unit, or their latest publication, SOS SIGNAL, may be had from the secretary, Harold Arnold, 644 Hanley Ave., Los Angeles 49, California.

The March Bulletin of The Philatelie Foundation includes an informative report from the Expert Committee regarding the dispersal of the Siegmund Adler collection by B.N.A. and German postage stamps, and an instructive article concerning the use of scientific apparatus in philately. A specimen copy of the Bulletin will be sent on receipt of 4c postage sent with your request to The Philatelic Foundation, 22 East 35 St., New York 16, N. Y.

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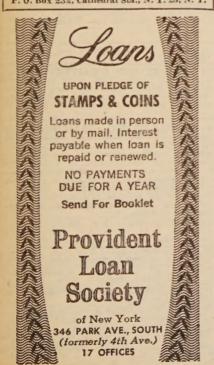
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